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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AMENDMENT OF CLASSIFIED UNDERSTANDING ON JDSCS
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REF:A.CANBERRA 189

B. STATE 4256

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1. WE AGREE THAT PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CLASSIFIED UNDER-

STANDING SHOULD BE MADE FORMALLY BY GOA, PREFERABLY BY DFA IN CANBERRA. WE BELIEVE THAT PRITCHETT HAS INFORMED DFA OF HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH USAF. IN A LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 15, 1974 TO MR. HILBERT, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, PRITCHETT STATED THAT HE WOULD "WARN OUR FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT TO EXPECT A COMMUNICATION FROM YOUR EMBASSY HERE IN CANBERRA(REGARDING THE PROPOSED CHANGES)." MR. HILBERT CONFIRMS THAT THROUGHOUT DISCUSSIONS WITH PRITCHETT IT WAS ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD THAT ANY AMENDMENT OF UNDERSTANDING WOULD BE EFFECTED AT THE DIPLOMATIC LEVEL.

2. WITH THIS IN MIND, REQUEST THAT YOU ADVISE DFA THAT CONCERNED USG AGENCIES HAVE REVIEWED CHANGES IN THE CLASSIFIED UNDERSTANDING PROPOSED TO USAF BY PRITCHETT, OF WHICH WE UNDERSTAND HE HAS INFORMED DFA. REQUEST YOU ALSO INDICATE THAT USG WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO FORMAL GOA REQUEST FROM DFA TO AMEND CLASSIFIED UNDERSTANDING AS DESCRIBED IN STATE 4256. YOU SHOULD FURTHER PROPOSE THAT, IF GOA APPROVES, AMENDMENT BE ACCOMPLISHED BY EXCHANGE OF SECRET LETTERS BETWEEN MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND AMBASSADOR.

3. DEPARTMENT MAY BE REQUIRED BY CASE ACT (APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT AUGUST 22, 1972) TO PROVIDE THIS EXCHANGE OF LETTERS TO SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON CLASSIFIED BASIS WITHIN SIXTY DAYS OF DATE THEY ENTER INTO EFFECT. WE MAY ALSO NEED TO MEET SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE REQUIREMENT THAT COPY OF ORIGINAL AGREEMENT BEING AMENDED BE PROVIDED AT SAME TIME. CASE ACT WAS NOT RETROACTIVE, SO CLASSIFIED UNDERSTANDING OF 1969 HAS NOT BEEN PROVIDED TO EITHER SENATE OR HOUSE COMMITTEE. YOU MAY WISH TO CONVEY THIS TO GOA. INGERSOLL

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